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AND METHOD OF ACQUIRING

MEMORY AREA

STATEMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF AN INTERVIEW UNDER M.P.E.P. § 713.04

SIR:

This statement is provided to make a telephonic interview of record that was held between Applicants' representative Nikolaus P. Schibli, Ph.D. Reg. No. 56,994, and Examiner Zheng on November 24, 2008.

Examiner Zheng indicated that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance, with the exception of some minor formal issues. In particular, he indicated that independent Claim 28 should be amended at line 4 to recite "to convert the image data into a different format," should be amended at line 19 to recite "the image data management unit attempts to acquire a smaller memory area corresponding to a smaller memory size," and should be amended at line 21 to recite "without reducing the smaller memory area below the required memory size," to address issues of antecedent basis. Moreover, independent Claim 34 should be amended at line 18 to recite "without reducing the smaller memory area

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below the required memory size." The Examiner also said that he could perform these changes by an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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